

281—100.5(78GA,ch1174) Grant award process.

100.5(1) *Department determination.* The department shall make the final determination on grant awards.

100.5(2) *Total amount of awards.*

a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, the department shall provide grants in an amount of not more than \$10 million.

b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, the department shall provide grants in an amount of not more than \$20 million.

c. If the amount of the grants awarded in a fiscal year is less than the maximum amount provided for grants for that fiscal year, the amount of the difference shall be carried forward to subsequent fiscal years for purposes of providing grants under the program, and the maximum amount of the grants for each fiscal year shall be adjusted accordingly.

d. If a school district does not meet the local match requirement within nine months of notification of conditional approval from the department, then the department shall deny the financial assistance to the applicant; the financial assistance shall be carried forward to the next available grant cycle; and the maximum amount of the grants for the fiscal year to which the financial assistance is carried forward shall be adjusted accordingly.

100.5(3) *Distribution of the awards.* The grants shall be allocated in the following manner:

a. Twenty-five percent of the financial assistance each year shall be awarded to school districts with a certified enrollment of 1,199 or fewer students.

b. Twenty-five percent of the financial assistance each year shall be awarded to school districts with a certified enrollment of more than 1,199 students but not more than 4,750 students.

c. Twenty-five percent of the financial assistance each year shall be awarded to school districts with a certified enrollment of more than 4,750 students.

d. Twenty-five percent of the financial assistance each year plus the financial assistance not awarded in “a” through “c” above and any financial assistance not awarded in previous fiscal years shall be awarded to school districts with any size certified enrollment.

100.5(4) *Notification.* The department shall notify applicants by the following dates.

a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, the department shall notify all approved applicants by May 1, 2001, regarding the approval or conditional approval of the application.

b. For the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2001, and every year thereafter in which there is an application period, the department shall notify all approved applicants by December 15 regarding the approval or conditional approval of the application.

100.5(5) *Payment.* The grant award will be paid to the successful applicant school district following official notification from the school district that the local match requirement has been met.